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## State Farmers' Institute.

The Shiawassee county farmers' institute meeting will be held in Laingsburg, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 21 and 22, 1897.

R. M. Kellogg, formerly of Iowa, will conduct the institute, and take special charge of the fruit session. Four other speakers are furnished by the state board of agriculture. Mrs. May A. Mayo, of Calhoun county, will be a drawing card. In addition to her lecture on "Home Life on the Farm," Mrs. Mayo will have charge of a woman's section Friday afternoon, Jan. 22, in a separate hall, the regular part of the program progressing at the same time.

One session will be devoted to the dairy business, during which time H. E. Van Norman will discuss the "Farm Dairy." Many other interesting topics will be discussed at the Laingsburg meeting. It is for the interest of the farmers that this meeting has been arranged, and let us hope that every farmer that can possibly attend will be present and help on with the discussions. It will pay.

CHARLES B. COOK,  
Secretary.

## New Lothrop.

Beden Monroe, Sidney and John Scoop stole a number of turkeys from the Henry Bowden farm early Monday morning, Dec. 7th, and took them to Owosso, but were caught by John losing one of his mittens and having the other in his possession. He confessed and implicated his brother, Sidney and Beden Monroe, a brother-in-law, who also plead guilty. Justice Devos let John off with a six dollar fine, which he paid, and gave the others 65 days each at Detroit house of correction. Deputy Sheriff Ransom took them there Tuesday evening. Justin Wilson, who has been very sick for a long time, is able to be on the streets again. Geo. Terry stole an axe, Friday, Dec. 4, from a Montrose hardware merchant and was caught before he got home. He plead guilty and was fined \$20 or 60 days in jail. His father paid the fine. Died, Monday, Dec. 14, 8-months-old son of Ruel and Florence Powell, of bronchitis. Funeral at M. P. church, Tuesday, Elder England officiating. A. J. Crawford and E. O. Potter were in Owosso Monday and Tuesday. Revival services are being held in the M. E. church every evening except Saturday and expect to continue another week.

## Henderson.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Convis died Monday at 3 o'clock p. m. Funeral services were held at the house on Wednesday at 1 o'clock p. m., and the remains interred in the Henderson cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Convis have the sympathy of a host of friends. Mrs. B. F. Revenaugh received the sad news of the death of her sister in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. R. attended the funeral services held on Wednesday. Wm. Detwiler has been quite sick of late, but is better at this writing. People need not be afraid to say "hello" to our town now as there has been a public telephone placed in the store of E. E. Henderson. C. D. Hughes, who formerly occupied the Hotel Kiefer, has moved his family to Portland, Mich. John Crane, township treasurer, is at the town hall every Friday to accommodate taxpayers. The sparrows in this vicinity have learned to fly high and avoid the shot. Mrs. Moreau, of Owosso, has been visiting at the home of A. W. Preyer the past week. Mrs. Henry Van Curen and family moved into her house in this village this week. Mrs. Weaver has moved her stock of millinery into the house owned by G. W. Detwiler, of Owosso. Mrs. Henry Foote, of Byron, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. E. Agnew, the past week. Geo. W. Detwiler, of Owosso, was in the village Monday.

## Laingsburg.

The iron bridge for the Cary bridge across the Looking Glass river has arrived. The bridge should have been completed Dec. 15th, and is very much needed. The bridge across the big swamp north of here has been condemned, and it is quite impassable. This is a genuine sink hole where the town of Solota has sunk \$2,000. Christmas Eve services will be held at all our churches. Special services have been closed at the M. E. church. We understand that J. C. Rabillard, pastor of the Baptist church, has resigned, his resignation to take effect Jan. 1st. The play entitled "The Seminary Girl" was given by local talent at LeBar's hall Wednesday evening to a full house and was well received. Johnny Frederick, the 16-year-old son of Wm. Frederick, died quite suddenly last night. He came home from Lansing a few days since, where he had been employed in the Downey House. During a dance last Saturday evening at the Cooper House, the large plate glass in the front of the office was broken. A drunken guest did the job. We learn that the glass was insured. The Laingsburg creamery will commence business next week if a supply of milk can be obtained. There is considerable sickness in town and the doctors are all kept busy.

## Vernon.

Hiram DeHart was at Reed City the last of the week. The funeral of Mrs. Kate Sinclair was held in the M. E. church on Wednesday morning, Rev. Emeric officiating. Mrs. Sinclair was brought here from Ohio for burial. Miss Emma Goff is on the sick list. Rev. Davidson has been spending the week on his farm near Bellevue. Mrs. B. Teft, of St. Charles, visited her mother, Mrs. D. M. Lytle, the past week. Master Carl Alback is quite sick with pneumonia. Christmas exercises will be held in all the churches this year. Mrs. Lawson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Dean, of this place. Dr. Burton has been at his sister's in Durand the past week, but was in town Wednesday. He is improving rapidly. A. Shaw and John Patterson have returned from Tennessee. The Baptist and Congregational donations were held the past week and well attended. Mrs. D. M. Lytle accompanied her daughter home to St. Charles Wednesday. Mrs. Wm. Jones is on the sick list. Beatty Calcutt, of Venice, is at Buffalo to sell his sheep. The funeral services of Joey Yerkes were held at the Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon. He died at the age of 16. Our schools were closed for the funeral as he was a pupil of the ninth grade. Rev. Stephens officiated. Rev. Emeric is helping in revival meetings at Bancroft. Lester Hyney, of Venice, left the first of the week to visit relatives in York state.

## Ovid.

Mrs. Emma Kean, who has been in Petoskey for two years, is visiting relatives in Ovid and vicinity. Mr. Solomon was the guest of H. N. Keyes over Sunday. Married, at the home of the groom, two miles south of Ovid, on Tuesday last week, Miss Nellie Cooper, of St. Johns, and Lyman Whitmore, of Ovid. Only intimate friends and relatives were present, and Rev. John Allworth tied the knot. Both parties are well known in Ovid and vicinity and are highly esteemed and respected. Mrs. W. J. Hacker went to Battle Creek, Monday, which will be their future home, having moved their household goods last week. Miss Celia Smith, of St. Johns, visited her cousin, Mrs. Geo. Huntington and other relatives last week. Frank Gleason, who has been in Colorado for a few years past, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Wallace Gleason. Mrs. H. M. High, daughter Majel and brother, Fred Everett, visited their father, John Everett, in Ithaca, Monday. W. H. Faxon was in Lansing, Tuesday, on business. A. M. Eaton is in Muskegon on business, this week. Mrs. Eva Woodworth, who has been in Ovid a few weeks past, assisting in the care of her father, Jacob Bowly, who has been very ill, has returned to her home in Ypsilanti. Mr. Bowly is rapidly improving now. W. W. Dennis started Tuesday morning for Denver, Colorado, where he will remain for a few weeks on business. Mrs. Carl Kilborn has returned from an extended visit in Detroit. Fred Everett, Rev. John Allworth and Lydia Wheelock represented the Ovid Christian Endeavor society at the county convention in St. Johns last Saturday. H. M. High is in Greenville this week.

## Burton.

W. C. Stiff was in Bay City on business, a part of last week. Miss Nellie Cramer was a guest at Rev. Hubbell's, of Owosso, over Sunday. S. Ferguson, of Ovid, spent Tuesday with his mother, Mrs. R. Williams. G. E. Wright, of Benzonia, is visiting relatives in this vicinity. Mrs. M. Neal, of Owosso, spent a part of last week with friends in this place. Mrs. J. C. Scott left Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Charles Farr, who is very sick at Fargo, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wright spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cadz. Mrs. Ed Lewis, of Detroit, was the guest of her sister Mrs. A. Purves, the past week. Rev. S. S. Fleming was the guest of Rev. Hubbell, of Owosso, Wednesday. Mrs. Wm. Scott, of Carland, spent a part of the week with friends in this place. Mrs. D. S. Cramer spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. F. J. Snyder. Mrs. S. J. McKenzie, of Pittsburg, spent the first of the week with her mother, Mrs. E. B. Simpson. Mrs. Susan Hall was the guest of Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, Wednesday. Messrs. Robert Pierson, of Hadley, and F. G. Selby, of Elba, Lapeer county, were the guests of their uncle, D. S. Cramer, a part of last week. Mrs. Hall, of Syracuse, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Devendorf. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. held a very interesting meeting, Wednesday afternoon in the M. E. church, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. D. S. Cramer; first vice president, Mrs. M. Devendorf; second vice Pres., Mrs. S. Hall; third vice Pres., Mrs. Wm. Mitchell; fourth vice Pres., Mrs. Wm. Putman; Sec., Mrs. E. Patrick; Treas., Miss E. A. Lignian.

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## North Newburg Farmers' Club.

The December meeting of the North Newburg Farmer's Club was held at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sergeant, with a good representation of the members, also a number of visitors. Meeting was called to order by the president at 11 o'clock a. m. The literary program opened by an anthem by the quartette; chaplain then took charge of devotional exercises, after which the secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting. Following this a quartet of young people furnished a piece of music entitled, "His Angels are Waiting for Me." A paper by P. A. Green entitled "Should we as farmers favor the unit system in school?" brought out a lengthy discussion, and although a few favored the unit system, the general feeling prevailed that farmers would derive no benefit from it. "The Carrier Dove," a vocal duet by Mr. Clark Whelan and grand-daughter Mae was appreciated by all. Mr. Whelan being nearly eighty years old, one of the oldest members of our club, still retains a sweet and clear voice. J. J. Whelan's question on Silos and Ensilage was fairly under discussion when the host announced dinner. The lap-boards were then brought in and a good dinner was enjoyed, after which a few minutes were spent in social intercourse. The club was again called to order and the male quartet furnished a Christmas anthem which was very fine. Then the question of Ensilage was again taken up, and a lengthy discussion followed, some favoring and others disapproving. J. J. Whelan and P. B. Reynolds, of Maple River, were the only ones that had used it. Following this was a vocal solo by Miss Louie Pelton, entitled "Better Than Gold." Frank Whelan, delegate to the State Farmer's Association at Lansing, gave a report of the proceedings while there, among others he said they slept with six in a room and two in a bed. Music by the male quartet, after which followed the roll call with only two families absent. "Is there danger that higher education will make our girls discontent with their lot in life?" was a well prepared paper by Mrs. A. Parmenter, who thought that if they were educated right in their homes it would not make them discontented. "Is Michigan a good place for a young man to commence farming?" was the subject assigned John Carruthers, but not having his paper prepared, he substituted a declamation entitled "The Ballot Box." "His Mother's Song," the recitation by Miss Mabel Lemon, finished the program for the day. The club adjourned to meet the second Thursday in January with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemon.

MONNIE LEMON, Reporter.

## The Burton Farmer's Club.

The last and one of the pleasantest club meetings of the year was held on the 3d inst. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Randall. With one or two exceptions the entire club was in attendance and every one was in the happiest frame of mind. Good cheer was the order of the day.

Messdames C. R. Woodin and Geo. T. Mason read papers upon the question, "What shall we give for Christmas presents and to whom shall we give them?" Mrs. Woodin would first remember the children and then the poor, whom we have always with us. What one gives depends upon the means of giver and the needs of the recipient. With little means and the work of loving hands many things could be made at home that would afford a world of pleasure. Mrs. Mason would first remember the dear ones at home; whatever the gift it should suggest the loving thoughts of the giver, upon this depends the value of the gift, whether it be a steel pen or a diamond necklace. She condemned the practice of making gifts in return for those already received. Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Dewitt made remarks in approval of our custom of celebrating the day which were well received by the club.

To the question, "Which is the more profitable, raising stock for marketing or dairying purposes?" Geo. T. Mason gave his experience in buying, fattening and selling stock since 1880. He had made a fair profit except in one instance when his buyer failed to materialize after he had contracted a sale, on account of beef having taken a fall in the market. The part of the question referring to raising stock for dairying purposes was not discussed.

Mr. Dewitt introduced the subject of sheep raising. He thinks that in the future that will pay better than any other branch of farming.

A communication was received from the

secretary of the Dorcas Society asking help of the club for the Dorcas Home. A number of the members took the address, which is 14 North Hickory street, and will doubtless respond to the call.

Mrs. Thorp gave the name of "The Youngest Soldier," which is so often asked, as Fillmore M. Brist, of Dubuque, Iowa. He was born Dec. 29, 1851, enlisted Dec. 30, 1865, and was discharged on account of sickness March 18, 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. James Martin were given a membership in the club.

A general talk followed regarding the necessity of farmers and farmers' clubs working together in their own behalf and the necessity of all being in sympathy upon questions pertaining to the welfare of the farmer.

Representative-elect F. M. Shepard desired to be instructed regarding the wishes of his farmer constituents and pledged himself to do all in his power to advance their interests.

The club adjourned to meet the first Thursday in January, 1897, at the residence of Geo. Snyder.

## Young Ladies' Social Union Bazaar.

The bazaar held by the Young Ladies' Social Union, of the Congregational church, in the basement of the church, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, was a complete success from both financial and social standpoints. The ladies comprising this organization are among the best known society people of the city, and the fancy articles represented the elegant work which could come but from the association of the ideas and methods of such ladies.

The lace and linen work was the finest and most beautiful that could be imagined, and was eagerly sought for by those able to purchase the piece. A booth containing articles handed down for generations to the present members of the church and society formed one of the most interesting collections ever seen in the city.

Homemade candies, sherbet and other sweet things were sold to those who did not desire to purchase the more substantial things. The Women's Social Union of the church served an individual chicken-pie supper Tuesday evening, which brought a church full of people. Wednesday evening a general lunch was served.

The bazaar has come to be one of the very pleasant annual gatherings of the members of the church and society with their friends. The ladies are to be congratulated on the unusual success of an undertaking of this kind.

Mrs. R. E. Travis will sing "Save me Oh God," by Randegger, at Christ Episcopal church, Sunday evening.

## A New Year's Superstition.

The English peasantry in some localities had an odd superstition that it was unlucky to take anything out of the house until something had been brought in, so very early in the morning the wights would leap out of bed and rush forth, soon to return with pieces of coal or stone in their hands, hoping thereby to avert misfortune. Here is an old rhyme of warning:

Take out, then take in,  
Bad luck will begin,  
Take in, then take out,  
Good luck comes about.

## Opening the Holy Book.

Opening the Bible was an imperative duty enjoined on all God fearing families in the old days. The holy book was solemnly opened before breakfast by each member of the family in succession. Whatever chapter was so disclosed, the finger was immediately pointed at some verse and the text read aloud with closest interest. It was devoutly believed that the future of the consulter would be outlined thereby.

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